UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/931,492	08/16/2001	Thomas J. Colson	IPCP:107_US_	4008
24041 7590 03/21/2008 SIMPSON & SIMPSON, PLLC 5555 MAIN STREET			EXAMINER	
			WINTER, JOHN M	
WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221-5406			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			3621	
			MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE
			03/21/2008	PAPER

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Application/Control Number: 09/931,492 Page 2

Art Unit: 3621

DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgements

1. The Appellants reply brief filed on January 11, 2008 is hereby acknowledged.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to John M. Winter whose telephone number is (571) 272-6713. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6, 1st Fridays off.

3. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on (571) 272-6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

4. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

John Winter Patent Examiner -- 3621

/ANDREW J. FISCHER/ Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3621